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REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the interview held today, October 27, 2005, discussing the topics mentioned herein.

The Examiner had objected to claims 9 and 96 as raising new issues. With respect to claim 9, Applicant indicated to the Examiner that claim 9 was a method claim having certain similarities with apparatus claim 49. Apparatus claim 49 had been allowed, without containing the subject matter limitations described in method claims 4 and 5 (i.e., apparatus claims 44 and 45 were not within the chain of claim 49). Accordingly, Applicant asserts that claim 9 as written does not raise new issues, and, during the interview, the Examiner indicated agreement as well.

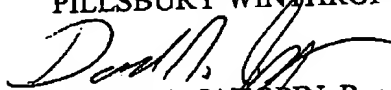
With respect to claim 96, Applicant's Remarks in the After Final Amendment dated September 28, 2005 mistakenly referred to new claim 96 as including the allowable subject matter from claim 78, whereas the remarks should have said that new independent claim 96 includes the allowable subject matter from claim 79. As such, method claim 96, which has certain similarities with apparatus claim 82, should be allowable and does not raise new issues.

In view of the above, it is believed that the claims submitted in Applicant's After Final Amendment dated September 28, 2005 are in condition for allowance and such a notice is respectfully requested.

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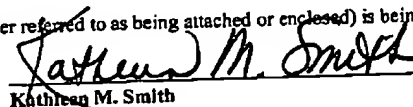
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